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1. IN FIRST OFFICIAL REACTION TO ITALIAN NOTE OF APRIL 16, FSFA PRESS SPOKESMAN ZUPAN SAID THAT WHILE IT STILL BEING STUDIED FIRST IMPRESSION IS THAT IT "SHOWS THAT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IS NOT RENOUNCING THE STANDS TAKEN IN ITS EARLIER NOTES, AND THAT IT CONTINUES TO HOLD TO ITS TERRITORIAL PRETENSIONS TO INTEGRAL PARTS OF YUGOSLAVIA."

2. STATING THAT ITALY PERSISTS IN POSITION THAT WITH RESPECT TO AREAS COVERED UNDER LONDON MEMORANDUM "ITALY HAS FULL SOVEREIGNTY IN THE PART WHICH WENT TO IT AND YUGOSLAVIA DOES NOT HAVE SUCH SOVEREIGNTY IN THE KOPAR BUJE REGION", ZUPAN STRESSED THAT ITALIAN INTERPRETATION "IF INSISTED ON, MUST INEVITABLY LEAD TO OPENING THE ENTIRE TRIESTE QUESTION".

3. ZUPAN CONCLUDED STATEMENT, HOWEVER BY SAYING "I WOULD LIKE HERE, ONCE AGAIN, TO POINT TO THE POSITIONS PUT FORTH BY THE PRESIDENT OF YUGOSLAVIA IN SARAJEVO WHICH VERY CLEARLY AND COMPREHENSIVELY SPEAK ABOUT THIS QUESTION AND ABOUT RELATIONS WITH ITALY AS A WHOLE".

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4. ABOVE PASSAGE WAS POINTED OUT TO ITALIAN EMBASSY OFFICER (BADINI) WHO HAD EARLIER SAID THAT ITALIANS WERE SURPRISED BY THE "HARD" YUGOSLAV REACTION TO THE NOTE. HE SAID THAT DIRECTOR GENERAL GAJA HAD MADE IT CLEAR ORALLY TO AMBASSADOR PAVICEVIC IN CONVEYING THE NOTE THAT IT WAS IN RESPONSE TO LATEST YUGOSLAV NOTE AND DID NOT, RPT NOT, RESPOND TO TITO SPEECH. GAYA REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT ITALIANS WERE FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY TITO SPEECH. BADININ EXPRESSED HOPE YUGOSLAWS WOULD BE "CLEVER" ENOUGH TO WAIT FOR DIVORCE REFERENDUM TO BE OVER AND GET DISPUTE OFF THE FRON PAGES, IN WHICH CASE HE THOUGHT FINAL SETTLEMENT COULD BE NEGOTIATED.

5. BADININ EXPRESSED UNHAPPINESS ABOUT SENATOR KENNEDY'S PUBLISHED REMARKS DEPLORING 6TH FLEET ACTIVITIES IN NORTHERN ADRIATIC, AND EMBASSY OFFICER ASSURED HIM SENATOR EXPRESSING HIS OWN VIEWS AND DID NOT SIGNAL ANY CHANGE IN USG ATTITUDE.

6. COMMENT: STRESS ZUPAN PLACED ON TITO SARAJEVO STATEMENT AS DEFINITIVE POSITION HOPEFULLY WILL NOT BE LOST ON ITALIANS. COUPLED WITH STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO GAJA THAT ITALIAN FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY TITO SPEECH, THIS WOULD APPEAR TO CONTAIN ELEMENTS WHICH COULD ALLOW TWO SIDES TO COME TO MEANINGUL EXCHANGE ON THE ISSUE. TIMING OF NOTE, HOWEVER, ALONG WITH ITS PUBLICATION, REMOVED IMMEDIATE HOPE OF DOWNTURN IN YUGOSLAV PRESS REACTION SIGNALLED IN TITO'S SPEECH. INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT SINCE TITO'S STATED THAT THERE NO LONGER IS A ZONE B, YUGOSLAV REFERENCES ARE TO "AREAS COVERED UNDER LONDON MEMORANDUM" AND "KOPER BUJE AREA".
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